

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02931-TSC**

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT v.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/30/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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| 09/30/2019 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6408146) filed by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C)(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 09/30/2019) |
| 09/30/2019 | <u>2</u> | CIVIL COVER SHEET by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT filed by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT.(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 09/30/2019) |
| 09/30/2019 | <u>3</u> | REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT.(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 09/30/2019) |
| 10/02/2019 | <u>4</u> | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Justin B. Cox, :Firm- International Refugee Assistance Project, :Address- P.O. Box 170208, Atlanta, GA 30317. Phone No. - (516) |

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| | | 701-4233. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-6413095. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Justin B. Cox)(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/02/2019) |
| 10/02/2019 | <u>5</u> | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Melissa S. Keaney, :Firm- International Refugee Assistance Project, :Address- P.O. Box 2291, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Phone No. - (916) 546-6125. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-6413121. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Melissa S. Keaney)(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/02/2019) |
| 10/03/2019 | <u>6</u> | ERRATA by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT <u>1</u> Complaint filed by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Errata)(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/03/2019) |
| 10/05/2019 | | Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 10/05/2019) |
| 10/08/2019 | <u>7</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 10/08/2019) |
| 10/18/2019 | <u>8</u> | AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE (<i>Serena Kumalmaz</i>) by INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT. (Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/18/2019) |
| 10/21/2019 | | MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Melissa S. Keaney is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter on behalf of Plaintiff. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a).For instructions visit: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/NextGEN_Tutorial_for_Registering_for_E-filing.pdf. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/21/19. (DJS) (Entered: 10/21/2019) |
| 10/30/2019 | | MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>4</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Justin B. Cox is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter on behalf of Plaintiff. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/30/19. (DJS) (Entered: 10/30/2019) |
| 11/04/2019 | <u>9</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Justin B. Cox on behalf of INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Cox, Justin) (Entered: 11/04/2019) |
| 11/25/2019 | <u>10</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/25/2019) |
| 11/25/2019 | <u>11</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/25/2019) |
| 12/02/2019 | | MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 1/3/20. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/2/19. (DJS) (Entered: 12/02/2019) |
| 12/03/2019 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/3/2020. (tb) (Entered: 12/03/2019) |